

**Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE**

Name of Center: Mustang Scholars Preschool **Enrollment:** 20 **License ID No. (Reapplications):** 47791

Street: 300 E 5th St **City:** Prairie City **Iowa Zip:** 50228 **County:** Jasper

Mailing Address: PO Box 178, Prairie City, IA, 50228

Director's Name: Mary Catherine Striegel **Phone Number:** 515-994-2250

On-Site Supervisor(s): NA **E-Mail:** mustangscholarspreschool@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-21-2019

Licensing Visit **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:**

FIRE INSPECTION **State** **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 12-04-2019

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: **Profit** **Non-Profit** **NA**

Accreditation: **Accredited** **NAEYC** **NSACA** **Other** **NA**

Program Serves: **Infants (0-23 mo.)** **2 Years** **X** **Preschool-Age** **School-Age**

Get-Well **Evening Care** **Special Needs**

SCHEDULE: **Year-round** **School-Year** **Summer Only**

HOURS:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool
General			16
Summer			0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 11-01-2018 to 11-01-2020
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCACTION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

Date: 11-30-2019

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Mustang Scholars Preschool opened in September 2016. The preschool is held in the First Reformed Church. Programming is held in one classroom. The preschool also has access to other rooms nearby this classroom, where snack is served. The preschool serves children ages three and four years of age. Mary Catherine Striegel is the director/lead teacher. Mary Catherine has an Associates of Arts degree in Sign Language. She has many years of experience working with young children in the school setting as well as child care setting. Mary Catherine began working at the preschool in 2016.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. Mary Catherine was working today. There were ten children present, a group of three and four year old children. Because of the number of children there was an additional staff needed. Mary Catherine said her assistant teacher was ill and the sub was unable to come to help today. Mary Catherine had one of the child care providers for children who attend the preschool assisting today. This person wasn't a sub who had required background checks completed. This person is a registered daycare provider with the State of Iowa. We discussed to be compliant with rules, Mary Catherine should have contacted parents and asked for three children to not attend today. This person is going to become a sub to have an additional person available.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The preschool participates in QRS and has achieved a three star rating. The preschool receives JMP Early Childhood Iowa and has received scholarships funds for children in need. Mary Catherine has a lot of experience working with young children.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.6(5)c: Undergo record check process if: It is included in meeting the required child/staff ratio. Has direct responsibility for a child or children. Has access to child or children when no other staff is present.

The preschool used a sub today that hadn't had background checks completed by the center nor did they have anything required on file at the center.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-725-2635; email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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